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SUBJECT:

SITE CLEANUP PROGRAM TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

WINEMUCCA TRADING COMPANY INSPECTION, SCP CASE NO. 2050189

On 3 February 2011, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) staff inspected the Winemucca Trading Company (and affiliated entities) properties (former Shasta Paper Company Mill and Treatment Lagoons) located at 21091 Hawes Road, Anderson, Shasta County. The inspection was conducted to determine compliance with Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R5-2004-0717. Representatives for Winemucca Trading Company were notified of the intent to inspect the subject properties on 2 February 2011. However, Winemucca Trading Company representatives did not appear for the scheduled inspection.

The inspection began near the White Liquor Clarifier Tank (Tank No. 56 as listed in the 15 April 2008 Tank Inventory Report) across and west of the holding basins. A large plastic aboveground tank that was used by Winemucca Trading Company staff to treat caustic liquid waste in Tank 56 was located adjacent to the tank. Two 35 cubic yard yellow metal storage bins were observed approximately 100 yards south of Tank 56. The bins were covered with blue plastic tarps. The contents of the storage bins are unknown, but its suspected that the bins contain white liquor solid waste.

The holding basins and clarifiers were inspected next. Liquid was observed in each holding basin and clarifier. Vegetation had been removed from holding basin No. 2, but its unknown if the basin has been cleaned in accordance with the approved 16 June 2008 Clean Closure Work Plan for Clarifiers and Holding Basins. The other holding basins and clarifiers have already been cleaned, but wastes removed from the holding basins and clarifiers is still stockpiled in various locations on-site.

Approximately 150 yards south southwest of the holding basins/clarifiers is the first of several stockpiles of waste removed from the holding basins and clarifiers. The first stockpile is situated on an asphalt pad and is mostly covered with plastic tarps. Some of the tarps have separated exposing wastes below. This stockpile is estimated to contain approximately 110 cubic yards of waste.

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Directly southwest of the first stockpile is a larger stockpile placed mostly on a concrete pad. This stockpile is also mostly covered with plastic tarps, but some of the tarps have separated exposing wastes below. This stockpile is estimated to contain approximately 1,475 cubic yards of waste.

A facility building located approximately 100 yards further west of the second stockpile contains additional waste from the holding basins and clarifiers. This stockpile is fully enclosed and situated on a concrete pad. This stockpile is estimated to contain approximately 2,500 cubic yards of waste.

Facility buildings that were unlocked and/or open were also inspected. Most of the buildings were empty, while some contained various chemicals stored in a variety of aboveground containers.

The treatment lagoons across Hawes Road from the mill property were also briefly observed at the front access gate.